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## CITY OF GREENVILLE RECEIVES AWARD

Greenville, SC... For the thirteenth consecutive year, the City of Greenville, South Carolina has received the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** for the current fiscal year, from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This award, presented to City Budget Administrator Jonathan F. Simons, Jr., is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement by the City. The City of Greenville was one of only fourteen municipal entities in South Carolina to receive the award this year.

According to GFOA officials, the award "represents a significant achievement and reflects the governing body and staff's commitment to meeting the highest principals of governmental budgeting". In order to receive the award, the City had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- A policy document
- A financial plan
- An operations guide
- A communications device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories to receive the award.

Since the inception of the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program in 1984, approximately 900 entities have received the award. Recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving 14,000 government finance professionals throughout North America. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is the only national awards program in government budgeting.

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